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SILVER, FOREIGN	.71 3/4
COPPER	.12 1/4
LEAD	4.70

HIGHTOWER GOES TO TRIAL FOR PRIEST'S MURDER

San Joaquin Oil Workers May Extend Strike Other Fields

STATE AND DEFENSE BOTH CLAIM NUMBER WITNESSES MISSING

(By Associated Press)

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 3.—Important witnesses for the state and defense were missing today as the hour drew near for William A. Hightower to go on trial for the alleged murder of Father Heslin, a Catholic priest. The state witness missing is Marie Biani, who, with Marie Wendel, the priest's housekeeper, is said to have recognized Hightower as the man who took the priest from his home. The defense's missing witness is "Dolly Mason," from whom Hightower said he obtained information enabling him to find the priest's body.

The trial was before Judge George H. Buck, of the superior court of San Mateo county. Examination of prospective jurors was quickly begun after court opened, and it is expected the jury box will be filled before night or before the noon recess tomorrow.

William A. Hightower, itinerant baker and casual laborer, charged with the murder of Father Heslin, protested his innocence from the first and maintained that he would be willing to have a full jury of priests sit in judgment on him. The killing of the priest developed one of California's most notable murder cases.

Father Heslin was called from his home at Colma, a suburb of San Francisco, about 9 o'clock on the night of August 2, by a muffled stranger who said he wanted the priest to administer the last sacrament to a dying man. The two rode away in a small automobile.

The following morning Miss Marie Wendel, the priest's housekeeper, notified the police of his failure to return, and a search was begun. Miss Wendel later identified Hightower as the man who had called for him.

The day after the priest's disappearance the Right Rev. Edward J. Hanna, archbishop of the Catholic archdiocese of San Francisco, received a typewritten letter demanding a ransom of \$2500 for Father Heslin, and saying that he would be killed if the money was not paid.

Rewards totaling \$8000 were offered for the safe return of Father Heslin or the recovery of his body. In the early evening of August 10, Hightower called at the home of Archbishop Hanna.

Guided by Hightower, police started late that night for Salda Beach, a short distance southwest of Colma, where Hightower said he believed the body was buried. He declared that a woman companion whom he knew as Dolly Mason had told him that a drunken foreigner had furnished her with the information.

On arriving at the spot the party quickly uncovered the body. The priest's skull had been crushed and he had been shot twice.

The San Francisco police, suspicious of Hightower's tale, kept him in custody. A search of Hightower's room in a San Francisco hotel revealed a tent which corresponded with tent ropes, pegs and flaps found at the scene of the crime.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Pacific States—Normal temperature and generally fair weather except rain on the north coast.

THE WEATHER	
Local Observer, United States	
Weather Bureau:	
Temperatures	5 a.m. Noon
Current	56 71
Wet bulb	42 48
Relative humidity	32 16
Temperatures, Extreme	
1921	1920
Maximum yesterday	73 70
Minimum yesterday	47 44

DIVINE ROBBED BY HIGHWAYMAN IN TEXAS TOWN

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 3.—R. Hecox, a traveling preacher of Santa Barbara, California, was slugged and robbed while resting at a school house eight miles east of here Saturday night, according to a report to officers here. Hecox was found this morning, still alive.

WILD WESTERS PLEASE LOVERS HORSEMANSHIP

Days of the wild and woolly west were emulated in Tonopah yesterday when fully 500 people assembled at the corral near the Gypsy Queen mine to witness the taming of mustangs and the conquering of two of the most rambunctious mules that were ever seen in action on the desert. It was an entertainment that furnished amusement in abundance for the large gathering, and all present agreed that the young backbones would give a good account of themselves were they to compete in any of the much heralded wild west exhibitions that are conducted yearly at many of the cities of the west where once roamed the great herds of cattle and wild horses.

So close was the contest for first honors, all contestants conquering the mustangs that had been taken into captivity below Tonopah, that it was finally decided that they should draw for first prize, consisting of a half quirt, and Vilas Sullivan was declared winner of the handsome award. Sullivan rode "Sometime" and gave an exhibition of horsemanship that was loudly applauded.

Alvan Humphrey, of Manhattan, took down the second prize, consisting of a fancy pair of leather cuffs, by conquering "Snake" who was extremely docile after he had exerted every effort to unseat his rider. Chester Easton was awarded a handsome pair of shoes as first prize for having conquered "Never Quit," who proved a most obstinate animal, and the victor was greeted with cheers as he urged his antagonist to go to it with all his might and main. Lee Henderson received a pair of leather puttees as fourth prize for having successfully defeated "Steamboat" in the latter's attempt to bounce him out of the saddle. Dick Ewing was awarded fifth prize, consisting of a pair of plain leather cuffs, for having shown "Skyrocket" that he could be tamed in jig time. Bud Gale received the sixth prize, consisting of a pair of cuffs, for the easy manner in which he put astride "Red River," while the mustang was doing his level best to entertain the wild west enthusiasts.

All of the prizes were awarded by Alfred Guinini, the live-wire shoe merchant on Main street. "Bill" Carroll acted as announcer and judge and was impartial in all his decisions. The real fun of the afternoon occurred when Vilas Sullivan, Lee Henderson and Alvan Humphrey demonstrated to the two mules, "Black Maude" and "Gray Demon," that it was just like riding in an airplane to remain astride with only a surringle. The mules had to be shown, and they were shown in a manner that was highly pleasing to the audience.

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DOLLAR DAY MEETS GENERAL APPROVAL

Almost every Tonopah merchant has agreed to participate in the coming Dollar Day. Great preparations are being made by each merchant and all will give extraordinary values on that day. The object of Dollar Day is that each store will give values for \$1 that are worth many times 100 cents. Grocers, butchers, bakers, men's and ladies' furnishers, and in many towns, the banks give an additional dollar to each new depositor. The exact date of the Tonopah Dollar Day has not been decided upon, but it will be some time of the latter part of this month. The public will be given plenty of time to prepare for the great event.

LAKEPORT DIVINE IS ARRESTED FOR KILLING

(By Associated Press)

LAKEPORT, Cal., Oct. 3.—John V. Spencer, retired diverman, went on trial on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his wife, whose body was taken from Clear lake, near here, July 27, after she had gone boating with her husband. Spencer was arrested in San Jose, California, August 26 on a complaint filed in Lakeport charging him with the murder of his wife.

Mrs. Spencer, according to a verdict of a coroner's jury, was supposed to have lost her death by drowning in Clear lake. According to her husband, she fell overboard from a rowboat in which they were crossing the lake to their summer home. Spencer said he dived immediately for her but was unsuccessful.

Within a short time after the funeral of Mrs. Spencer, her husband left Lakeport for San Jose and at the instance of neighbors Mrs. Spencer's body was exhumed and an autopsy was followed by the autopsy.

Spencer alleged his arrest, his location among neighbors in Santa Rosa and his neighbors who conducted the autopsy. He denied reports that he and his wife had quarreled.

Before going to Santa Rosa, Spencer was removed with churches in Alameda, Mendocino, and Page valleys, Napa county.

COMMITTEE TO MEET TONIGHT TO FORM C. C.

Preliminaries toward the organization of a chamber of commerce for Tonopah will be gone over tonight by the committee selected by Chairman J. Grant Crumley, of the Citizens' Committee of Tonopah, to secure data and other information that will be necessary. This committee, composed of Mr. Crumley as chairman, and Judge William Forman, H. H. Atkinson, W. W. Booth, Charles Wittenberg and E. W. Blair, will meet tonight in Mr. Crumley's office, following which an active membership campaign will be launched.

Copies of the Home Chamber of Commerce charter and the constitution and by-laws have been received, and the committee will call out the good and discard the bad, if any such is found. Other matters, concerning cost of membership, monthly dues and plans of organization will be worked out in detail, and within a few days it is probable that a meeting of those anxious to join the chamber will be called when officers and directors will be named to serve for the ensuing year.

That Tonopah is in need of a strong commercial organization is generally conceded. The great good that was accomplished in forestalling the attempt of the Southern Pacific to curtail train service into this district is an example of what may be accomplished by all classes of citizens working in harmony, and with a live Chamber of Commerce always on the job, big corporations will think twice before they attempt in the future to harass southern Nevada interests.

BANKERS TAKE OFFENSE AT U. S. ACTIVITIES

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 3.—The American Bankers' association committee on savings made public today a report criticizing the United States treasury and postoffice departments for proposals for enlarging the functions of the government as a savings banker.

POPULATION OF JAPAN WORRIES THAT COUNTRY

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, Oct. 3.—Japan's problem of finding an outlet for her increasing population will be frankly submitted at a conference on limitations of armaments and far eastern questions at Washington. It is declared by Asahi Shimbun, the newspaper, that the government will emphasize the urgency of extending economic opportunities for the welfare of the increasing millions of Japanese.

MOORS ENGAGED BY SPANISH IN FIERCE BATTLES

(By Associated Press)

MELILLA, Morocco, Oct. 3.—Continuing their advance against the Moors, the Spanish troops engaged the rebels along a front of 15 kilometers before Zeran, inflicting casualties of over 1000. The action lasted 15 hours. General Baranger, Spanish high commissioner, directed the operations.

HARDING ASKS IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITIES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 3.—Governors and mayors throughout the country are asked by the president in a public statement to organize in each community machinery for the correction of economic conditions along lines worked out by the unemployment conference here. The advisability of a federal bond issue to create a fund for making loans to aid municipal public works in years of depression when jobs are scarce was under consideration by sub-committees of the national unemployment conference.

VILLAGE LOSCHEIM GIVEN TO GERMANY

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—The village of Loscheim, near Malmédy, was restored to Germany yesterday by the frontier commission. It is declared the action was taken because of the unanimous desire of the villagers to rejoin the fatherland.

JUSTICE COURT BUSY

Sixteen criminal cases were tried in the court of Justice Cuddy during the month of September. This is the heaviest business transacted in a long period, and from fines and civil fees collected a little over \$400 was turned into the country treasury.

ASK INVESTIGATION SECRETARY DAVIS FOR SETTLEMENT

(By Associated Press)

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Oct. 3.—The striking oil workers of the San Joaquin fields have telegraphed Secretary Davis of the department of labor asking to be released from the promise to extend the oil strike beyond the fields now affected until the department had conferred with them. The strikers also asked Secretary Davis to do what he could to get the government to conduct an immediate investigation into the methods of the oil operators.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 3.—Depository sheriffs, detectives, postal inspectors and railroad agents who yesterday were combing southern California and the Mexican border for traces of Roy Gardner, mail bandit, were withdrawn today after the Los Angeles police and sheriffs of the area had branded as a hoax the story that started the search. Early today a man came to police headquarters, and said he was the one who had driven two boys from Bakersfield and said he was Roy Gardner for a joke.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 3.—The appeal for clemency for Roy Gardner to President Harding through the San Francisco Bulletin will be submitted to the attorney general, according to a letter received by the Bulletin from George H. Christian, Jr., the president's secretary. The letter was addressed to George North, managing editor of the Bulletin.

SENATE BODY IS INVESTIGATING MINGO TROUBLE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 3.—The senate labor committee is to conclude its investigation of the disorders in the Mingo, West Virginia, coal fields, with a week's hearing, beginning here next Monday. Chairman Kenyon announced there will be no further trips to West Virginia.

RAIL STRIKE IS PUT OVER TILL OCTOBER TENTH

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—The railroad unions will take no action on the strike question before October 10, and possibly not for some time after that date, B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, said today following a conference with executives of 16 railroad labor organizations.

COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY

County and town officials are busy at the present time, all being engaged in checking up their accounts previous to the meeting of the board of county commissioners, which takes place Wednesday.

OFF FOR COAST

Al Frevert sparked up his Dodge car this afternoon, and, accompanied by Joe Beaupert and Mose Goldstein, left for San Diego. Mr. Goldstein accompanied Mr. Frevert from the coast upon their arrival three weeks ago today.

MURDER TRIAL YOUNG WOMAN STARTS TODAY

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 3.—The trial of Marian McDowell, charged with the murder of Daniel Kaber, her stepfather, was set for today and is the first trial in the case. Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, her mother, and Sullivan, Ohio, serving life sentences for the same. The girl's knowledge of the plot of her mother will be admitted by the defense, according to a reliable source. Mrs. McDowell, her general denial that she participated in the murder conspiracy with her mother. That Mrs. McDowell's decision to her mother prevented her from interfering with or disclosing any details of the plot will be one of the pleas offered. Kaber was stabbed to death two years ago by street assassins.

RICH WOMAN FOUND DYING IN OLD BARN

(By Associated Press)

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 3.—Finding from an overdose of sleeping powder, and with both wrists slashed, Mrs. Paul C. Zuhke, wife of a wealthy New York importer and exporter, who had been missing since Thursday, was found Saturday night in a barn on the Zuhke estate near Madison. It became known today. She died a few minutes after being found.

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